

## PATENT CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method of facilitating electronic commerce over a network from an e-commerce site comprising the steps of:

receiving seller information comprising products for sale and seller identification

information from a plurality of sellers;

assigning a seller identifier to each of said plurality of sellers;

utilizing said seller identifier, storing said seller information upon a storage device

coupled to said e-commerce site;

displaying said products upon said e-commerce site;

receiving buyer information from a plurality of buyers;

assigning a buyer identifier to each of said plurality of buyers;

utilizing said buyer identifier, storing said buyer information upon a storage

device coupled to said e-commerce site;

receiving a buyer order for a first product from a remote client system connected

to said network, said order being placed upon performance of a single

action by a first of said plurality of buyers;

utilizing said buyer identifier and said seller identifier, searching said storage

device to obtain 1) said buyer information for said first buyer and 2) said

seller information associated with said first product;

creating an order file utilizing said buyer information and said seller information;

1 transmitting said order file to said storage device, said transmission of said order  
2 file to said storage device immediately consummating the sale of said first  
3 product to said first buyer; and  
4 displaying a sales confirmation message to said first buyer upon said e-commerce  
5 site.

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7 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the additional step of transmitting said  
8 order file to said first seller.

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10 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the additional step of displaying  
11 product availability information upon said e-commerce site.

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13 4. The method of claim 3, further comprising the additional step of updating said  
14 product availability information upon transmission of said order file to said storage  
15 device.

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17 5. A method of facilitating electronic commerce over a network from an e-  
18 commerce site comprising the steps of:

19 receiving seller information comprising products for sale and seller identification  
20 information from a plurality of sellers;  
21 generating a collection of said products for sale utilizing preference information  
22 received from a remote host; and  
23 displaying said collection of said products upon said e-commerce site.

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2 6. The method of claim 5, further comprising the additional step of displaying said  
3 collection of said products according to a predetermined order.

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5 7. The method of claim 5, further comprising the additional step of displaying said  
6 collection of said products according to a random order.

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8 8. The method of claim 5, further comprising the additional step of displaying said  
9 collection of products upon said e-commerce website according to a predetermined order,  
10 said predetermined order designed to present each of said products of said collection in a  
11 manner resembling the order in which a buyer would encounter said products on the  
12 shelves of a conventional store.

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14 9. The method of claim 5, further comprising the additional steps of:  
15 receiving collection feedback from one or more remote buyers;  
16 generating a second collection of said products for sale utilizing said collection  
17 feedback; and  
18 displaying said second collection of said products upon said e-commerce site.

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20 10. The method of claim 5, further comprising the additional steps of:  
21 assigning a seller identifier to each of said plurality of sellers;  
22 utilizing said seller identifier, storing said seller information upon a storage device  
23 coupled to said e-commerce site;

1 receiving buyer information from a first plurality of buyers;  
2 assigning a buyer identifier to each of said buyers;  
3 utilizing said buyer identifier, storing said buyer information upon a storage  
4 device coupled to said e-commerce site;  
5 receiving a buyer order for a first product from a remote client system connected  
6 to said network, said order placed by a first of said plurality of buyers  
7 upon performance of a single action;  
8 utilizing said buyer identifier and said seller identifier, searching said storage  
9 device to obtain 1) said buyer information for said first buyer and 2) said  
10 seller information associated with said first product;  
11 creating an order file utilizing said buyer information and said seller information;  
12 transmitting said order file to said storage device, said transmission of said order  
13 file to said storage device immediately consummating the sale of said first  
14 product to said first buyer; and  
15 displaying a sales confirmation message to said first buyer upon said e-commerce  
16 site.

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18 11. The method of claim 10, further comprising the additional step of transmitting  
19 said order file to said first seller.

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21 12. A computer system for facilitating electronic commerce over a network from an  
22 e-commerce site comprising:  
23 a storage device coupled to said e-commerce site; and

1 a processing unit coupled to said storage device, said processing unit capable of  
2 receiving seller information comprising product information and seller  
3 identification information from a plurality of sellers, assigning a seller  
4 identifier to each of said plurality of sellers, utilizing said seller identifier,  
5 storing said seller information upon a storage device coupled to said e-  
6 commerce site, displaying said product information upon said e-commerce  
7 site, receiving buyer information from a plurality of buyers, assigning a  
8 buyer identifier to each of said plurality of buyers, utilizing said buyer  
9 identifier, storing said buyer information upon a storage device coupled to  
10 said e-commerce site, receiving a buyer order for a first product from a  
11 remote client system connected to said network, said order placed by a  
12 first of said plurality of buyers upon performance of a single action,  
13 utilizing said buyer identifier and said seller identifier, searching said  
14 storage device to obtain 1) said buyer information for said first buyer and  
15 2) said seller information associated with said first product, creating an  
16 order file utilizing said buyer information and said seller information,  
17 transmitting said order file to said storage device to immediately  
18 consummate the sale of said first product to said first buyer and displaying  
19 a sales confirmation message to said first buyer upon said e-commerce  
20 site.

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22 13. The computer system of claim 12, wherein said processing unit is further defined  
23 as being capable of transmitting said order file to said first seller.

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2 14. The computer system of claim 12, wherein said processing unit is further defined  
3 as being capable of displaying product availability information upon said e-commerce  
4 site.

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6 15. The computer system of claim 12, wherein said processing unit is further defined  
7 as being capable of updating said product availability information.

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9 16. The computer system of claim 12, wherein said single action is pushing a button.

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11 17. The computer system of claim 12, wherein said single action is a predetermined  
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14 18. A computer system for facilitating electronic commerce over a network from an  
15 e-commerce site comprising:

16 a storage device coupled to said e-commerce site; and

17 a processing unit coupled to said storage device, said processing unit capable of  
18 receiving seller information comprising product information and seller  
19 identification information from a plurality of sellers, generating a  
20 collection of said products for sale utilizing preference information  
21 received from a remote host and displaying said collection of said  
22 products upon said e-commerce site.

1 19. The computer system of claim 18, wherein said processing unit is further defined  
2 as being capable of displaying said collection of said products according to a  
3 predetermined order.

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5 20. The computer system of claim 18, wherein said processing unit is further defined  
6 as being capable of displaying said collection of said products according to a random  
7 order.

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9 21. The computer system of claim 18, wherein said processing unit is further defined  
10 as being capable of displaying said collection of products upon said e-commerce website  
11 according to a predetermined order, said predetermined order designed to present each of  
12 said products of said collection in a manner resembling the order in which a buyer would  
13 encounter said products on the shelves of a conventional store.

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15 22. The computer system of claim 18, wherein said processing unit is further defined  
16 as being capable of receiving collection feedback from one or more remote buyers,  
17 generating a second collection of said products for sale utilizing said collection feedback  
18 and displaying said second collection of said products upon said e-commerce site.

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20 23. The computer system of claim 18, wherein said processing unit is further defined  
21 as being capable of assigning a seller identifier to each of said plurality of sellers,  
22 utilizing said seller identifier, storing said seller information upon a storage device  
23 coupled to said e-commerce site, receiving buyer information from a plurality of buyers,

1 assigning a buyer identifier to each of said buyers, utilizing said buyer identifier, storing  
2 said buyer information upon a storage device coupled to said e-commerce site, receiving  
3 a buyer order for a first product from a remote client system connected to said network,  
4 said order placed by a first of said plurality of buyers upon performance of a single  
5 action, utilizing said buyer identifier and said seller identifier, searching said storage  
6 device to obtain 1) said buyer information for said first buyer and 2) said seller  
7 information associated with said first product, creating an order file utilizing said buyer  
8 information and said seller information, transmitting said order file to said storage device  
9 to immediately consummate the sale of said first product to said first buyer and  
10 displaying a sales confirmation message to said first buyer upon said e-commerce site.

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12 24. The computer system of claim 23, wherein said processing unit is further defined  
13 as being capable of transmitting said order file to said first seller.

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15 25. The computer system of claim 23, wherein said processing unit is further defined  
16 as being capable of displaying product availability information upon said e-commerce  
17 site.

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19 26. The computer system of claim 25, wherein said processing unit is further defined  
20 as being capable of updating said product availability information.